Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

19 February 2019 Nightingale Triangle

We removed rhododendron from the side of the site adjacent to Nightingale Crescent. The cleared material was burned on the site of the old bonfire.
Some volunteers worked on the project to create split rail fencing using traditional techniques. A "cleaving brake" was constructed from wood and metal bolts, in such a fashion that it can be dismantled and transported to other sites. This is used to cleave posts (probably sweet chestnut) to form fencing rails.

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The weather was sunny, about 8°C. 17 volunteers attended. Embers from the bonfire set a tool bag on fire, but this was soon put out.
Some very fine bracket fungi were seen on a birch trunk, this was probably birch polypore, *Piptoporus betulinus*:

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26 February 2019 Bill Hill

The site was close to Downshire Way, on the northern side of the hill. We cleared holly and laurel and burned cleared material on a bonfire. There were some very large holly trees, too big for us to tackle. The ground was uneven underfoot, which made dragging material to the bonfire very difficult. Some volunteers did further experimentation on the fencing project: an attempt to cleave holly logs proved to be unsuccessful, since these logs twist when split.

We had a record turnout of 26 volunteers. The weather was sunny and remarkably warm for the time of year.

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Coming up next

5 March 2019 **Wykery Copse**

Stream enhancement. Meet at the Swifts Field car park in Jennetts Park:

http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484463&Y=168018&A=Y&Z=106&ax=484486&ay=167835

12 March 2019 **Wildmoor Heath**

Scrub clearance. Use the designated main car park:

http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484463&Y=168018&A=Y&Z=106&ax=484486&ay=167835

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What's on

Wildlife in Ascot

Conservation work at Allen's Field, South Ascot

Saturday 9 March 2019 **09:30 – 12:30**

Allen's Field is off Liddell Way, South Ascot SL5 9UZ

See WiA website:

https://sites.google.com/site/wildlifeinascot/events

Friends of Nightingale Triangle

Regular maintenance session at Nightingale Triangle

Saturday 9 March 2019 **10:00 – 15:00**

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk: **"Saving the Hazel Dormouse"** by Ian White of the People's Trust for Endangered Species

Recital Room, South Hill Park

Monday 18 March 2019 **19:30 – 21:30**

Cost for BFNHS members £1, visitors £3

See event poster:

http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/2019MarHazelDormouse.pdf

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